

State Waiver Form Waiver: W-001

By signing the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging's (LGOA's) State Waiver Form, the Santee Lynches

Planning and Service Area

has determined that there is a need within its planning and service area to waive an existing LGOA policy and procedure to better serve the needs of its region.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Section 305(a)(1)(C) authorizes the LGOA to set policies to deliver aging services in South Carolina and states that the LGOA "be primarily responsible for the planning, policy development, administration, coordination, priority setting, and evaluation of all State activities related to the objectives of this Act." The OAA and the South Carolina Code of Laws are the foundation of the aging service delivery system across the State.

In accordance with the OAA, the LGOA has established written policies and procedures to administer aging services and programs in South Carolina. The procedural protocols set by the LGOA to deliver aging services are based on Federal and State Law. However, the LGOA acknowledges that the Planning and Service Area (PSA) could determine that there may be an extenuating circumstance regionally which results in a PSA generating a waiver.

State Waivers, which allow the PSA to operate outside the written policies and procedures of the LGOA, will not be accepted if it is determined that the waiver conflicts with the OAA or South Carolina law. A State Waiver is for up to a one-year period, terminating on June 30th. The LGOA reserves the right to invalidate waivers that amend its policies and procedures at any time.

The PSA and its Executive Director assume all legal responsibility and liability for the procedural and operational practices associated with this waiver, and will be held accountable for any consequences that might result from this waiver being enacted. The multiple parties associated with the State Waiver are required to follow all established LGOA policies and procedures for data collection in order to accurately track and record client data. The PSA will be responsible for fulfilling all other areas of LGOA policies and procedures operations not covered by this waiver.

The LGOA will not reimburse the PSA for unearned funding: Performance outcome requirements set through contractual agreements in the planning and service area are the legal responsibility of the PSA. The PSA is responsible for ensuring that its service providers/contractors earn their funding in accordance to the OAA and LGOA policies and procedures. If it is determined that funding is not being earned, or that data is not being accurately tracked, the PSA will be expected to execute a thorough review of the service provider's/contractor's operations which could result in a thirty (30) day Corrective Action Plan to bring the multiple parties into OAA and LGOA compliance.

PSA Requesting Waiver:	Santee Lynches		
Type of Waiver Requested	Number of participants		
Date the Waiver is Requested to cover:			
Is this a waiver consideration or behalf of the PSA or the Provider/Contractor?	n Provider		
Name of Provider/Contractor Director if appropriate:	Greater Faith & Joy Adult Services/Marie Williams		
Name of site for waiver consider if appropriate:	Greater Faith & Joy Adult Services		
Provider/Contractor contact information if appropriate:	Marie Williams 803-438-9078		
What type of waiver is being requested? Please specify what action plans and protocol steps the PSA has taken to assist the Service/Provider Contractor to comply with the requirements of the OAA, AoA and LGOA and the duration of the assistance given. The waiver requested is for the number of participants. See attachment			

Please state what specific challenges the PSA and Service Provider/Contractor encountered and why they were unable to successfully perform the requirements of the PSA, AoA, OAA and LGOA which necessitated the need for this waiver.			
Challenges	Reason Unable Perform the Requirement		
Recent illnesses and hospitalizations have caused a reduction in number of participants. Efforts are being made to fill recent created slots.	Strategies will be developed to fill slots as they occur. Outreach in the community wil be used.		

What do you anticipate the positive results or benefits of the waiver will be if granted?

Continued provision of seniors already in the program and the time to fill the slots to provide services for seniors in greatest need.

What do you anticipate the negative consequences of not granting the waiver will be?

The inability to provide nutritious meals to seniors in great need in this area.

How will you determine if this waiver will lead to service or programmatic improvements?	The most in need will be served. Improvements noted in monitoring.	
What steps will the PSA take to ensure that the Provider/Contractor adheres to the contracts		
signed with the PSA to provide services, functions, and activities required for OAA and LGOA		
funding, in addition to this waiver?		
Through monitoring, contract compliance, unscheduled visits and customer service survey.		

Additional comments or information needed to support waive	er request:
By signing this document, I certify that the waiver will be imp	plemented as described above in this
Planning Service Area Director	
8/27/2013	
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Tony Kester	
Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging Director	
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Date	

The waiver form should be sent to:

Gerry Dickinson, Policy Manager Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging 1301 Gervais Street, Suite 350 Columbia, South Carolina 29201

All Approved State Waivers will be listed on the LGOA website, per Section 210 of the South Carolina Aging Network's Policies and Procedures Manual regarding State Waivers.

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Additional Information

What type of waiver is being requested: GFJ was established in 2007 when the PSA was awarded SSF. At that time and currently there continues to be a need for a site in this rural area of Kershaw County. The site was originally approved to operate for 3 days a week with 25 participants. The AAA continues to struggle financial to maintain the site as the site was scheduled to close in the winter of 2012. When this was brought to the Lt. Governor's attention at the forum held during his visit, the AAA was informed not to close the site.

Challenges: Strategies will be developed to fill slots once a vacancy occurs or if a participant is out for an extended period of time.

Date waiver we cover: present through June 30, 2014